

Armed Forces



NOW TRAINING . . . Mary Lee Irwin (right) of 22405 Kent Ave., is now receiving specialized training in demonstrating electric cooking techniques during a 10-week course conducted by the Southern California Edison Co. Miss Irwin is shown here getting pointers on the use of an electric range from Mrs. Elizabeth Novak, staff home economist.



EARNs RETIREMENT . . . Lt. Col. Robert C. Owens (right) of 251 Paseo de Gracia, receives the United States Air Force Commendation Medal and his certificate of retirement from Brigadier Gen. Joseph J. Cody during ceremonies at the Air Force Systems Command's Space Systems Division in Los Angeles.

Torrance Air Officer Earns Commendation

Lieutenant Colonel Robert C. Owens, 251 Paseo de Gracia, received the United States Air Force Commendation Medal and his certificate of retirement during recent ceremonies at the Air Force Systems Command's Space Systems Division (SSD) in Los Angeles.

Colonel Owens, training project engineer at SSD prior to his retirement, was awarded the medal in recognition of his meritorious services.

The 20-year Air Force veteran served in the European theater of operations during World War II. A command pilot, Colonel Owens flew 40 combat missions as a B-17 pilot in Europe.

Among his awards and decorations are the Distinguished Flying Cross and the Air Medal with five Oak Leaf Clusters.

The colonel, son of Mr. and

Allyn B. Bishop, airman apprentice, son of Mr. and Mrs. Irvin B. Bishop of 1218 W. 212th.; Jimmie W. Nelson, seaman, son of Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Nelson Jr. of 20917 Margaret St.; and Dennis W. Kemberling, airman apprentice, son of Mr. and Mrs. D. R. Kimberling of 2332 185th St., are serving aboard the antisubmarine warfare support carrier USS Hornet.

The Hornet is currently visiting Pearl Harbor. Her last visit to the Harbor was during a stop-over while on her way to San Diego from service in the Western Pacific.

Charles F. Butcher, son of Mr. and Mrs. Clarence C. Butcher of 22034 South Main St., has completed recruit training at the Naval Training Center, San Diego.

The nine-week indoctrination to Navy life includes instruction on military law, discipline, seamanship, physical fitness, first aid, swimming and survival, military drill and damage control.

During the training, each recruit receives tests and interviews to determine his future training and assignment.

Mrs. Thomas P. Owens of 1505A Catalina Ave., Redondo Beach, attended Seattle (Wash.) College.

His wife, Shirley, is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Robert E. Fraser of 9808 California, Live Oak, Calif.

Robert L. Hock, interior communications electrician fireman, USN, son of Mr. and Mrs. Glenn H. Hock of 1048 West 209th St., serving aboard the submarine USS Sea Owl, recently completed a six-week cruise in the Western Pacific.

During her Atlantic cruise Sea Owl operated as part of a hunter-killer antisubmarine group consisting of an aircraft carrier and several destroyers.

The crewmen were commended for proficiency and performance of duty in assisting Sea Owl to win the Battle Efficiency competition "E" award of Submarine Division 82. This is presented annually to the submarine displaying the highest degree of efficiency in all phases of operations and administration.

Ports of call during the recent cruise included Bermuda and Halifax, Nova Scotia.

The Sea Owl operates out of New London, Conn.

Richard V. H. Blumenshine, illustrator draftsman third class, USN, son of Mrs. Daniel W. Harton of 19509 Hinsdale Ave., a member of the staff of Commander Carrier Division 19 aboard the antisubmarine warfare support aircraft carrier USS Bennington, recently participated in month-long antisubmarine warfare exercises in the Northern Pacific.

In addition to Seattle, Bennington visited the Alaskan ports of Juneau and Kodiak, becoming the first large man of war ever to visit Alaska's capital city of Juneau.

Bennington's antisubmarine operations in the Northern Pacific involved participation by submarines, aircraft and ships of both the Canadian and the U.S. Navies.



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